(*b*) If so, state what steps have been taken by Government to remove such defects.

HON'BLE MR. T. M. VARGHESE: 4. (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Orders for the supply of the necessary articles of furniture have been placed with the P. W. D. Workshops and Stores, Trivandrum and the supplies are expected soon.

Population of Tamils and Malayalees—Primary Schools in certain taluks.

171. MR. SREE V. DAS: Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement containing the population, the number of persons talking tamil as their mother tongue, the number of persons talking Malayalam as their mother tongue, the number of tamil primary schools and the number of Malayalam primary schools, on the basis of the 1941 census figures, in the taluks of Thovalai, Agasteeswaram, Kalkulam, Vilavancode, Neyyattinkara, Nedumangad, Shencottah and Deviculam.

HON'BLE MR. T. M. VARGHESE:

Name of Taluq.	Population.	Total population whose mother tongue is Tamil.	Total population whose mother tongue is Malayalam	Total No. of Tamil Primary Schools.	Total No. of Malayalam Primary Schools.
Thovala	43,324	42,448	876	31	Nil
Agasteeswaram	1,83,655	1,76,874	6,781	104	5
Kalkulam	2,42,566	2,05,944	36,622	48*	42
Vilavancode	2,07,430	1,61,217	46,213	42	114"
Neyyattinkara	3,06,612	30,141	2,76,471	Nil	161
Nedumangad	1,87,495	6,327	1,81,168	Nil	117
Shencottah	55,451	52,432	3,019	11	Nil
Devicolam	64,395	53,394	11,001	9	3

*There are besides 33 Malayalam and Tamil (combined) Primary Schools.

"There are Tamil divisions in Malayalam Schools and Malayalam divisions in Tamil Schools according to the needs of the locality.

Construction of a Road along the sea shore.

172. MR. SREE V. DAS: Will the Honourable Minister for Public Works be pleased to state;

(*a*) What are the reasons for constructing a road along the sea shore;

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[Mr. Sree V. Das.]

(*b*) what will be the approximate cost for the construction of the road ;

(*c*) what is the amount expected from the Government of India for this road ;

(*d*) what amount has been spent so far in connection with the above work ;

(*e*) what is the length of the above road ; and

(*f*) State from where the above road starts and where it terminates ?

HONOURABLE MR. A. ATCHUTHAN : (*a*) To provide the people living in the coastal villages in South Travancore to have transport facilities to the interior and also to relieve the congestion of traffic along the M. S. road. To prevent deterioration of the concreted surface of the M. S. road, due to heavy traffic.

(*b*) About Rs. 88 lakhs.

(*c*) No contribution is expected from the Government of India.

(*d*) About Rs. 11,500 for the investigation work excluding establishment charges.

(*e*) Nearly 54 miles.

(*f*) Starts from Trivandrum (Thiruvallam bridge) and terminates at Cape Comorin (Rest House junction).

Cost of running a transport Vehicle,

173. MR. MAJID MARIKAR (*Kunnatnad I—Muslim*) : Will the Honourable Minister for Transport be pleased to state the average cost of running a transport vehicle per mile for the previous financial year and what proportion of this expenditure was covered by (1) Fuel (2) repairs and (3) tyres ?

HONOURABLE MR. A. ATCHUTHAN : Average cost per mile of a vehicle—18 chs. 5.1 cash.

1. Fuel 28 per cent i. e., 5 chs. 0·7 cash.
2. Repairs and Maintenance—13 per cent. i. e., 2 chs. 5.5 cash.
3. Tyres 19 per cent i. e , 3 chs 6.8 cash.

Petrol consumed by the State Transport.

174. MR. MAJID MARIKAR : Will the Honourable Minister for Transport be pleased to state the quantity of petrol consumed by the vehicles of the State Transport Department during the first three rationing quarters of 1948 and the average petrol consumed by each of their running vehicles per month and also the average mileage per gallon ?

HONOURABLE MR. A. ATCHUTHAN : (*a*) Petrol consumed by State Transport vehicles during :—

1st quarter of 1948—2,24,898 gallons.
2nd quarter of 1948—2,10,778 gallons.
3rd quarter of 1948—1,90,260 gallons.

(*b*) Average monthly consumption per vehicles—355.6 gallons

(c) Average mileage obtained is 9.0 mile per gallon in all cases except Dodge which yields 6 miles per gallon.

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